

Adams Memorial (Grief)
Section E, Rock Creek Cemetery, entrance
at Webster St. and Rock Creek Church Rd., NW
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ARCHITECTURAL DATA FORM

STATE District of Columbia	COUNTY	TOWN OR VICINITY Washington
HISTORIC NAME OF STRUCTURE (INCLUDE SOURCE FOR NAME) Adams Memorial		HABS NO. DC-280
SECONDARY OR COMMON NAMES OF STRUCTURE Grief		
COMPLETE ADDRESS (DESCRIBE LOCATION FOR RURAL SITES) Section E, Rock Creek Cemetery, entrance at Webster St. and Rock Creek Church Rd., NW		
DATE OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE SOURCE) 1891	ARCHITECT(S) (INCLUDE SOURCE) Augustus Saint-Gaudens: sculptor Stanford White: designer of setting	
SIGNIFICANCE (ARCHITECTURAL AND HISTORICAL, INCLUDE ORIGINAL USE OF STRUCTURE) By noted sculptor Saint-Gaudens, this famous memorial was erected by writer and historian Henry Adams as a memorial to his wife, Clover, who had committed suicide. Setting designed by architect White of the noted firm, McKim, Mead and White.		
STYLE (IF APPROPRIATE)		
MATERIAL OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE STRUCTURAL SYSTEMS) Cast bronze statue seated on a rough stone; stone benches and large marble slab backing		
SHAPE AND DIMENSIONS OF STRUCTURE (SKETCHED FLOOR PLANS ON SEPARATE PAGES ARE ACCEPTABLE) Polygonal plan, with statue at one corner with benches opposite		
EXTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE Statue depicts a heavily shrouded woman, eyes closed in grief and contemplation		
INTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE (DESCRIBE FLOOR PLANS, IF NOT SKETCHED)		
MAJOR ALTERATIONS AND ADDITIONS WITH DATES		
PRESENT CONDITION AND USE In 1974, condition good.		
OTHER INFORMATION AS APPROPRIATE		
SOURCES OF INFORMATION (INCLUDING LISTING ON NATIONAL REGISTER, STATE REGISTERS, ETC.) Schwartz, Nancy B. <u>Historic American Buildings Survey District of Columbia Catalog, 1974.</u> Listed on National Register of Historic Places. A Category II District of Columbia City Landmark.		
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